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WCGS NEWS

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IT'S BEEN ORDERED!

We are pleased that the 603Z Minolta reader-printer, a gift of our Society to the Washington County Library, has been ordered. Delivery is expected before February. Members living within easy driving distance of Plymouth will be notified of the delivery date. Please come by while the Minolta reps are here, and get some "hands-on" experience with this user-friendly machine.

This portion of our grant-gift totals $9,113, including a 3-year maintenance contract. The remainder($1,287)of our $10,400 grant is allocated to books, microfilm, and a bookcase/display cabinet. More on this in the next NEWS.

OUR THANKS, GENTLEMEN

WCGS thanks Mr. Howard L. Davenport, Chairman of the Washington County Commissioners, and Mr. Lee Smith, Washington County Manager, for their invaluable help in expediting our efforts to make this gift to the Library. We sincerely hope that they can be with us when the machine is delivered.,

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Carol A. Lolli, of Phoenix, Arizona, introduces herself: "I am a descendent of Daniel Woodley(1799-1881) and Mary Wynne(1810-1862)who resided in Tyrrell County. Daniel was the son of Samuel Woodland(Woodley)

and Nancy Ann Phelps. Mary Wynne was the youngest daughter of Robert Wynne and Zilla Tarkinton. I have photocopies of the Wynne Family Bible". (Editor's note: We are delighted to have Mrs. Lolli with us. Her ancestor, Daniel, lived at "Hilly Dumplin' ", snugly between the Bonarva and Somerset canals. We will encourage Mrs. Lolli to do a Journal article on this interesting family.)

Our other new member, so far reported, is Christopher A. Norman, home base Plymouth, who joins us from Bowling Green, Kentucky. An English graduate of ECU, Chris is working toward an M.A. in Folk Studies from Western Kentucky University. Chris's Norman,Alexander, and Davenport folks crossed the Sound from Perquimans to the South Shore by the early 1700's. On his mother's side, he claims Allens and Davises of Pungo, Beaufort County.

NEXT MEETING

Please don't forget our next meeting, Sunday, January 21, 3:00 at the Washington County Library. If you haven't paid your '96 dues, our Treasurer will be delighted to receive them then.

We expect to publish an up-to-date Member name/address roster in the March NEWS. In the meantime, let's all work to bring-in new members!

Lawrence Swain shares with us a recent letter from charter-member Eugene Chesson, Prescott, AZ.: "I have appreciated your two articles in the WCGS Journal on the SWAINS. Of special interest is the mention of Mary CHESSON as the wife of John Swain(who was born in 1695 and died in 1749). My sources of information on those persons did not reveal the family name of Mary, so your data is of special interest to me. Can you

please advise the source for that name and possibly supply a copy of the reference? I would also like to know the name of the parents of Mary".

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our heart-felt sympathy to Lawrence Swain upon the death of his mother, Hilda Ralph Swain, on December 30.

"Miss Hilda" was a devoted member of the Plymouth Methodist Church for all of her adult life. Among her many services to her church, she served as pianist for the Childrens' Sunday School and was, for many decades, a member of the adult choir. At the close of her long and sharing life, she was 97 years of age.

FOLKLORE

Several members of WCGS participated in the Folklore workshop in Columbia on December 11. Dr. Jim Clark, Director of Humanities Extensiob, NCSU, led a lively two hour session. The theme of the session was the urgent need to record the old words and phrases (now so seldom heard), the old customs, superstitions, rhymes, legends, songs, etc.----so much a part of our heritage, but so rapidly slipping away.

Dr. Clark urged that we pick the memory, and record the recollections,of the "Know Knots". These Know Knots, says Dr. Clark, are mostly older folk, who,like the lightwood knot in a sap board, survive after the rest of the board has rotted away.

BICENTENIAL CALENDAR.

Fellow member Loretta Phelps has gently chided your editor(and rightly so!) for not plugging the Washington County Bicentenial Commission's 1996 calendar.in our last NEWS. This is a very nice calendar. Each month has a copy of an old photo of Washington County persons and/or places. A collector's item for only $10.00. WCGS is pleased to have made a contribution toward printing cost. We are credited "Sponsor" thereon.Available from any Commission member.

VAILS OF THE ALBEMARLE

Fellow member Roy Vail's above-titled gift to the Society is making its rounds among our "local" members. More about this gift later. Thanks, again, Naomi and Roy.

QUERIES

Need ANY information on Rev. Joe R. McCasky. Sparked organization of Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church c. 1896. Where from? Did he organize other F.W.B. congregations?
Virginia C. Haire . Rt. 2, Box 164C, Creswell, N.C. 27928

Do personel records of the Old Dominion Steamship Company exist? Mariner's Museum, Historic Steamship Collection, U Baltimore, and the Museum at St. Michaels, MD, have no record. Need info on ODS employee Joseph F. Norman(1877-1903)...job/position, service dates, rank, etc.
Edwin A. Norman. POB 754, Plymouth, NC 27962.

Need parents of John Clayton(w.p. 1770) of Perquimans. Also of wife, Rebecca Wood.
Edwin A. Norman. POB 754, Plymouth, NC 27962 919 793-2427

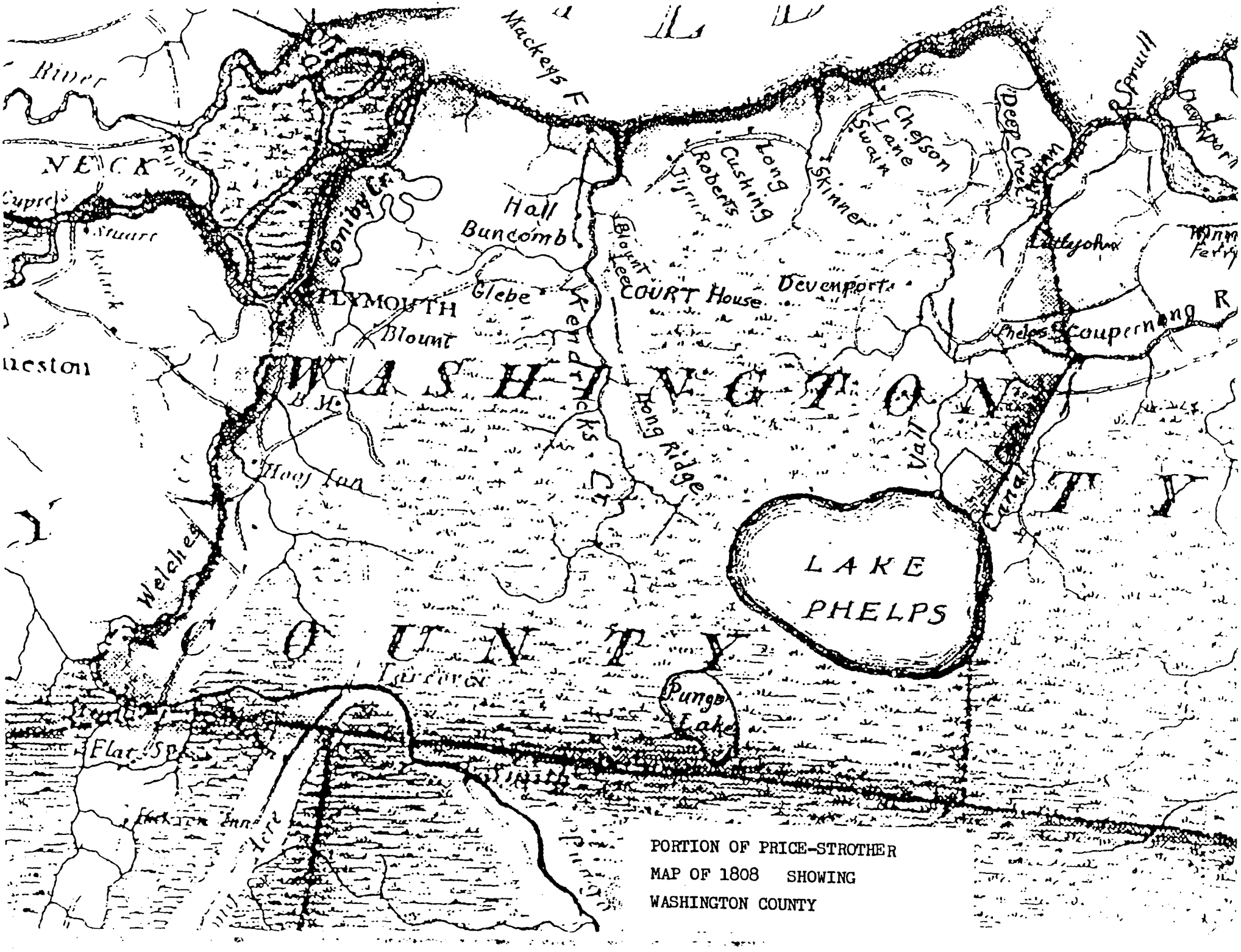
AND MORE??? QUERIES

As we enter the New Year with so few Queries at hand, we wonder "WHY".As you know, we had no Corresponding Secretary in '95. Is it possible that some Queries went unacknowledged? If so, please resubmit them. We now have a most well-qualified C-secretary, Virginia Haire, who will be "on top" of business such as Queries. All Queries will be printed in the NEWS, which will be published at least every other month. So, your Queries, if you please!

AGAIN, Next Meeting

Sunday, January 21, 1996. 3;00 at Washington County Library
No formal program is planned(the only meeting of '96 expected to be programless). You have chosen me President; come out and help plan our year.

Thank you
Ed Norman



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MAP OF 1808 SHOWING
WASHINGTON COUNTY